COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2025

The meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation was held via Zoom and called to order by Dawn Russell at 10:00 a.m. November 19, 2025 following prayer and devotions by Dawn Russell.

Members present: Robbie Carnes, Linda Gibbs, Al Hosler, Christina Jensen, Mark Morningstar, Brant Piper, Dawn Russell and Jane Young.

Members excused: Jon Baker and Kim Strunz.

Presbytery staff present: Ted McCulloch, Stated Clerk and Staci Percy, Communications Manager/Recording Clerk

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2025 stated meeting.

The **Transition Team** report was led by Dawn Russell.

Discussion was held regarding Breckenridge-Emerson. It was noted that Elder Kim McKenzie has resigned as Temporary Supply effective November 14, 2025.

Discussion was held regarding Grand Blanc-Kirkridge and Flint-Trinity United.

Discussion was held regarding Lapeer-First.

Discussion was held regarding Saginaw-Second.

The **Admin Team** report was given by Dawn Russell.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the part-time (10 hours per week) Commissioned Ruling Elder contract between Elder Jodie Vanderstow and Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes effective January 1, 2026 through April 30, 2026. Details are as follows:

Cash Salary	$500/month
Lead Worship and Preach	2 times each/month
Pastoral care	2 hours/month
Church Business	1 hour/month

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the part-time (20 hours/week) Temporary Supply Covenant between the Rev. Mark Morningstar and Ithaca-First effective for a period of one year, effective January 1, 2026. Terms are as follows:

Cash Salary	$42,000
Travel Reimbursement	At IRS rate
Continuing Education	$1,000
Book Allowance	$500
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave Time	2 weeks including 2 Sundays

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 11:00am following prayer by Dawn Russell.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 10:00am via Zoom.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk